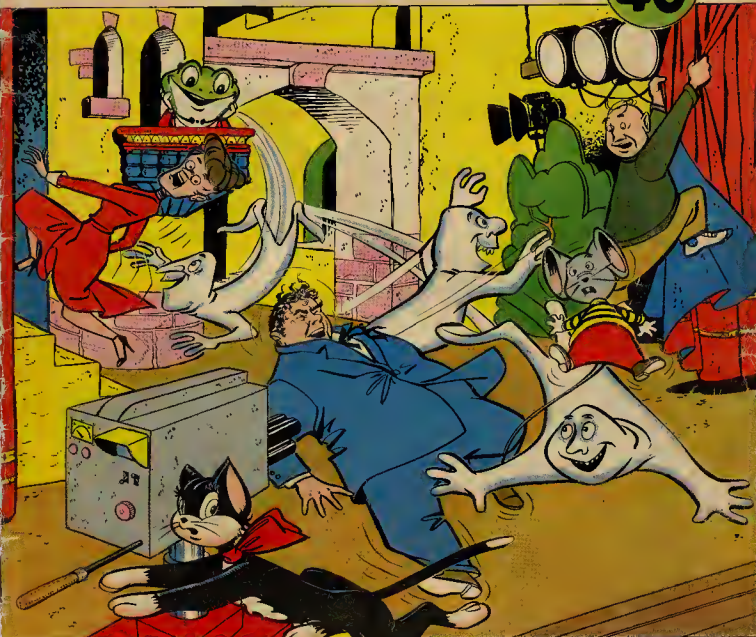


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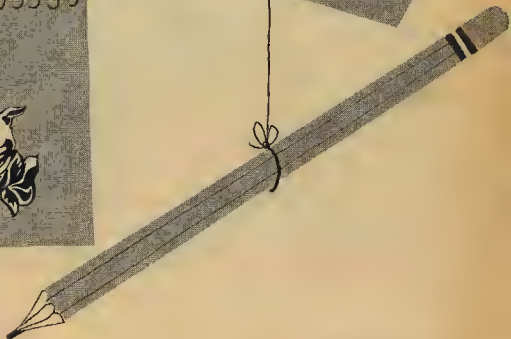
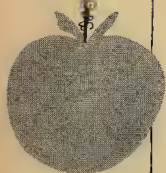


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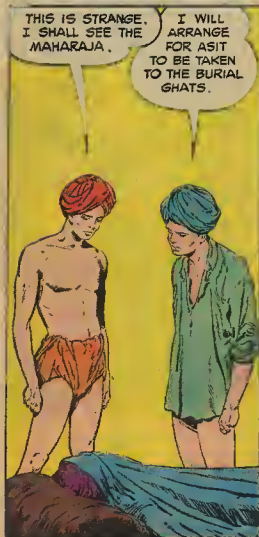
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# GUNGA

and the **LEOPARD QUEENS**



GUNGA RAM, A MAHOUT... THAT IS, A DRIVER AND TRAINER OF ELEPHANTS... FOR THE MAHARAJA OF BAKORE, HEARS SOME UNHAPPY NEWS FROM HIS FRIEND, VISHNU.



"IT HAPPENED MANY YEARS AGO. I WAS A YOUNG PRINCE THEN, AND MY FATHER WAS OF COURSE THE MAHARAJA. HE INVITED SIR GUY, HIS WIFE AND TWO LITTLE DAUGHTERS HERE FOR THE DASARA FESTIVITIES. THE ELEPHANTS WERE PAINTED AND ADORNED AS NEVER BEFORE."



"MY FATHER, THE MAHARAJA, MADE THANKS TO THE ANIMALS, AND ALL OTHER THINGS WE USED IN OUR LIVING."



"MY FATHER INVITED SIR GUY TO RIDE WITH HIM IN THE GOLDEN HOWDAH DURING THE GREAT PARADE, AND LADY BALTER AND THE TWO LITTLE GIRLS WITH THEIR NURSEMAID FOUND A PLACE WHERE THEY COULD WATCH THE PARADE AND THE EXCITEMENT."



"WHEN THE PARADE BEGAN, LADY BALTER BECAME ILL FROM THE HEAT, AND THE NURSEMAID TURNED TO HELP HER. OF COURSE, WITH THE PARADE IN PROGRESS, THE EXCITEMENT IN THE CROWD WAS INTENSE... AND IT WAS DURING THIS EXCITEMENT THAT THE LITTLE GIRLS DISAPPEARED."





THEN... PERHAPS THERE IS SOMETHING IN ASIT'S STORY, HIGHNESS. MAYBE THE GIRLS ARE STILL CAPTIVE IN THE LEOPARD HILLS.

I SEE NO REASON WHY THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN THERE. WE SEARCHED FOR MONTHS, GUNGA. EVERY HOUSE, EVERY CORNER OF THE PROVINCE WAS SEARCHED. I MYSELF LED A MOUNTED BATTALION. IT WAS USELESS.



BUT GUNGA WAS NOT CONVINCED. THE LEOPARD WORSHIPPERS HAD CAPTURED HIS IMAGINATION, AND HIS ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT WAS AROUSED. HE SOUGHT OUT VISHNU AGAIN.

AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO INVESTIGATE. ASIT SAID BABU WOULD KNOW.

THEN AT LEAST, LET US TAKE THE ELEPHANTS AND GO TO SEE BABU. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND HIS SHACK IN THE JUNGLE.



AHEAD, VISHNU... SEE... IT MUST BE BABU'S SHACK.



SO... WHO ARE MY VISITORS?

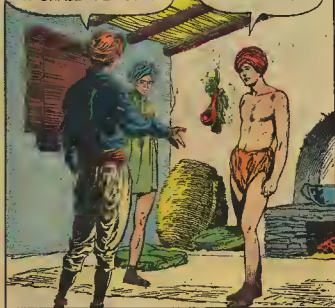
I AM GUNGA AND THIS IS VISHNU. WE ARE MAHOUTS TO HIS HIGHNESS, THE MAHARAJA. WE COME TO VISIT... SENT BY OLD ASIT, WHO HAS DIED.

HE TRIED TO TELL US HIS SECRET BUT HE COULD BARELY TALK. HE SAID YOU KNEW IT ALSO.



SIT DOWN, SAHIBS. I, TOO, WAS ONCE MAHOUT TO HIS HIGHNESS, AND I, TOO, AS OLD ASIT, CARRIED OUR SECRET TOO LONG. NOW IT SHALL BE TOLD.

TELL US FIRST... THE DAUGHTERS OF THE FORMER REGENT... YOU THINK THEY ARE STILL ALIVE?



I HAVE REASON TO THINK SO. YOU SEE, FOR THREE YEARS, ASIT AND I LIVED AMONG THE LEOPARD WORSHIPPERS. WELL, THE GIRLS WERE KIDNAPPED BY THESE PEOPLE AND HIDDEN IN OUR VILLAGE. THE MILITARY CAME BUT DID NOT FIND THEM. I WAS SUSPECTED BECAUSE I HAD BEEN SEEN IN THE CROWD AT THE DISARA FESTIVITIES AND I HAVE BEEN HIDING IN THE JUNGLE EVER SINCE. ASIT WAS NOT UNDER SUSPICION, AND HE WAS ABLE TO RETURN TO THE PALACE.



I WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO RESCUE THESE GIRLS. BABU... IF YOU HELPED US, I AM SURE IT WOULD PROVE YOUR INNOCENCE. AND YOU KNOW THE WAYS OF THE LEOPARD WORSHIPPERS.

I WILL DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD HELP ME TO RETURN TO THE WORLD OF MEN.

LET US MAKE A PLAN.



WE CANNOT TAKE THE ELEPHANTS INTO THE HILLS. WE WILL TURN THEM LOOSE TO FIND FOOD AND WATER, AND PICK THEM UP WHEN WE RETURN.



GO CAREFULLY. THE HILLS ARE FULL OF LEOPARDS. SOME OF THEM, THE SUN LEOPARDS, PROWL IN THE DAYTIME.





WE WILL NEED PLENTY OF WOOD TO KEEP A GOOD FIRE. THEN WE MUST NOT LEAVE THE FIRE WHILE THE LEOPARDS PROWL.

AND WE WILL TAKE TURNS WATCHING AND FEEDING THE FIRE.

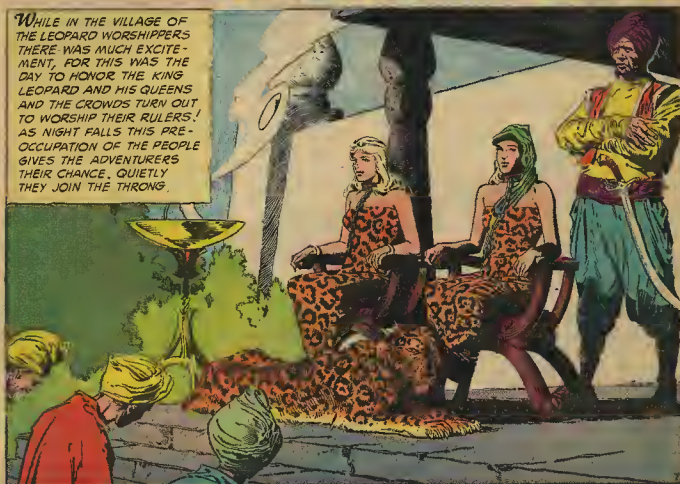
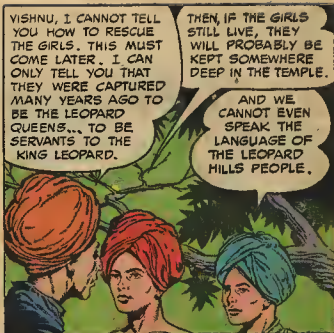
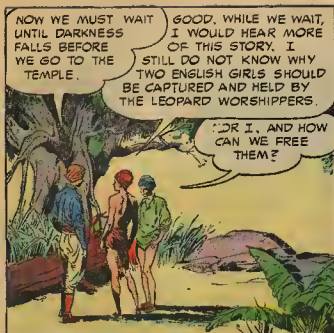


THE FIRE WAS A WISE PLAN. WHEN NIGHT FELL, THE LEOPARDS CAME IN GREAT NUMBERS, BUT THE BLAZE KEPT THEM AT A DISTANCE.



THERE! THE TEMPLE OF LEOPARD HILLS! THAT'S THE TEMPLE OF THE LEOPARD WORSHIPPERS.









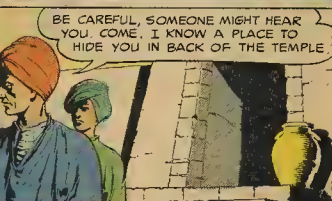
REMEMBER .... DO NOT  
SPEAK. FOLLOW ME  
AND DO AS I DO.



GUNGA, BABU AND VISHNU JOIN THE CROWD  
AND AS THEY GO THROUGH THE MOTIONS OF  
WORSHIPPING THE KING LEOPARD, THEIR  
EYES ARE BUSY.



SUCH A QUEER WORSHIP I'VE NEVER  
SEEN BEFORE. THEY KEEP THE ONES  
THEY WORSHIP IN CHAINS.



BE CAREFUL, SOMEONE MIGHT HEAR  
YOU. COME, I KNOW A PLACE TO  
HIDE YOU IN BACK OF THE TEMPLE



HIDING IS UNPLEASANT,  
BABU. DO NO LEAVE  
US HERE LONG.

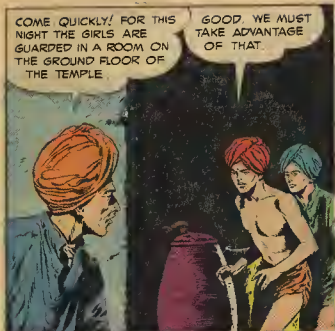
I WILL GO INTO  
THE CROWD,  
PERHAPS I CAN  
LEARN SOMETHING. I  
SHALL NOT BE LONG.



AND SO GUNGA AND VISHNU SETTLE DOWN  
TO WAIT... BUT FORTUNATELY BABU THOUGHT  
OF PROVISIONS.

IT IS GOOD OF BABU  
TO BRING THESE  
BANANAS. I AM  
VERY HUNGRY.

TRUE, VISHNU. WE  
MUST KEEP OUR  
STRENGTH IF WE  
HOPE TO RESCUE  
THE ENGLISH GIRLS.



COME QUICKLY! FOR THIS NIGHT THE GIRLS ARE GUARDED IN A ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE TEMPLE

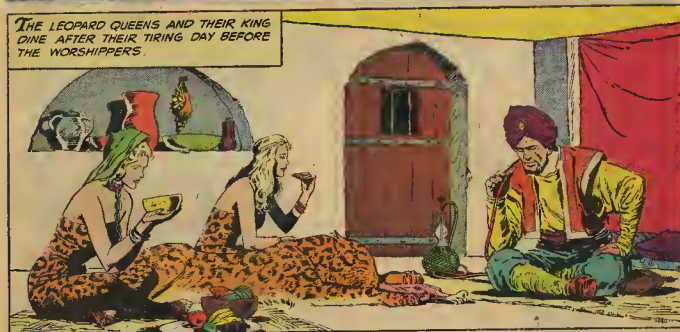
GOOD. WE MUST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT.



I HAVE LEARNED SOMETHING. ASHOK, THE GUARD, IS A VAIN MAN AND HE HAS A TERRIBLE TEMPER. I THINK PERHAPS WE CAN USE THESE THINGS. WHO RUNS FASTER OF YOU TWO? I THINK I HAVE A SIMPLE PLAN WHICH MAY WORK.

I RUN AS DOES THE SPOTTED DEER!

TRULY HE DOES...



THE LEOPARD QUEENS AND THEIR KING DINE AFTER THEIR TIRING DAY BEFORE THE WORSHIPPERS.



VISHNU, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?

YES... DO NOT WORRY.

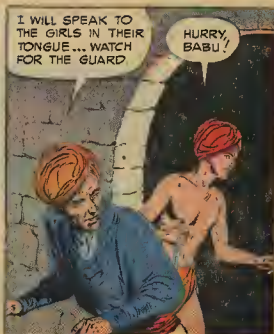
WE WILL MEET YOU LATER IN THE STORAGE ROOM.



WHAT DO YOU DO THERE? GET OUT!

COME AND CHASE ME OUT, YOU GREAT OAF!

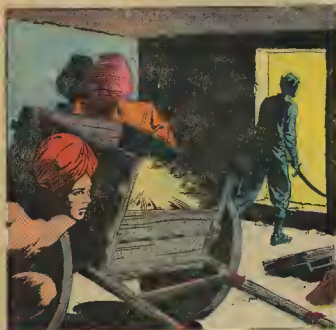
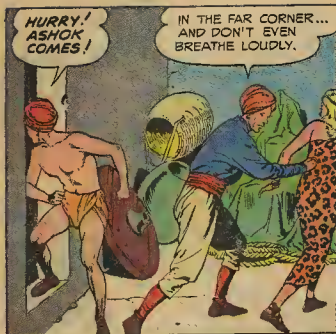




COME, GUNGA... THEY ARE THE ENGLISH GIRLS, FOR THEY REMEMBER THEIR ENGLISH NAMES, COLLEEN AND JUDY. BUT THEY SPEAK ONLY THE LANGUAGE OF THE LEOPARD HILLS. WE MUST CUT AWAY THESE COLLARS SO THAT WE CAN HELP THEM ESCAPE.

AND WE MUST HURRY. I AM SURE THAT GREAT GUARD WILL NOT LONG BE FOOLED BY VISHNU.













# On Stage

with **ANDY DEVINE** and his **GANG**



ANDY DEVINE AND HIS GANG GET TO THE STUDIO BRIGHT AND EARLY, ALL READY TO SHOW YOU HOW THEY PUT ON THEIR TELEVISION SHOW.

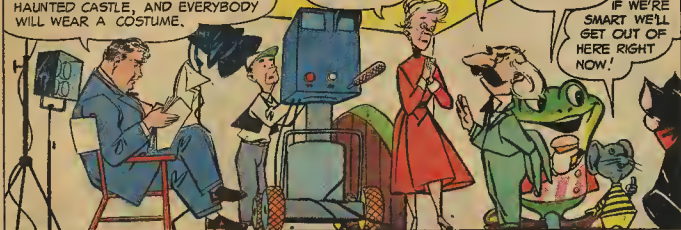
WELL, HALLOWEEN IS COMING SOON, SO WE'RE GONNA DO A GHOST STORY FOR OUR PLAY. IT'S CALLED THE HAUNTED CASTLE, AND EVERYBODY WILL WEAR A COSTUME.

OH, GRACIOUS, I'M SCARED ALREADY!

BAH! WHO'S AFRAID OF GHOSTS?

SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE GHOSTS, THEY ARE, THEY ARE!

MIDNIGHT, IF WE'RE SMART WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW!



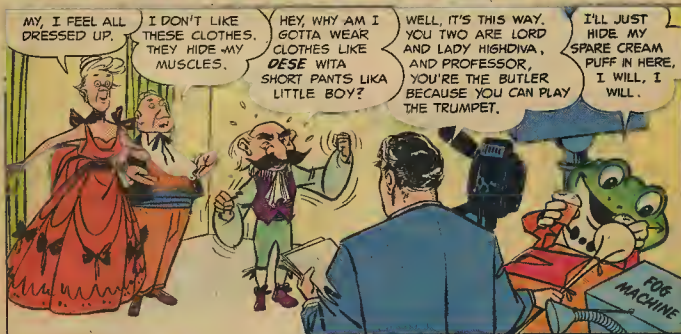
MY, I FEEL ALL DRESSED UP.

I DON'T LIKE THESE CLOTHES. THEY HIDE MY MUSCLES.

HEY, WHY AM I GOTTA WEAR CLOTHES LIKE DESE WITA SHORT PANTS LIKA LITTLE BOY?

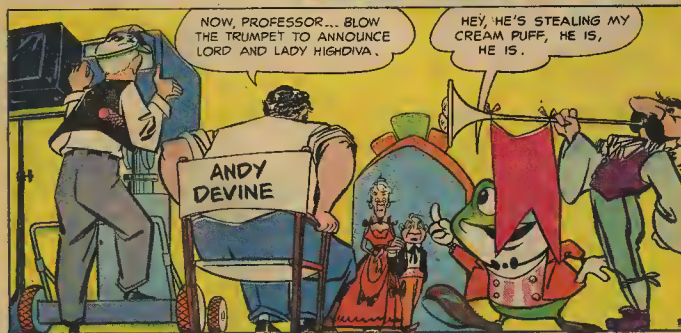
WELL, IT'S THIS WAY. YOU TWO ARE LORD AND LADY HIGHDIVA, AND PROFESSOR, YOU'RE THE BUTLER BECAUSE YOU CAN PLAY THE TRUMPET.

I'LL JUST HIDE MY SPARE CREAM PUFF IN HERE, I WILL, I WILL.



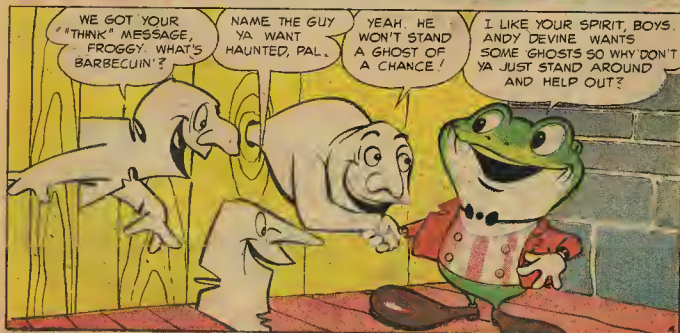
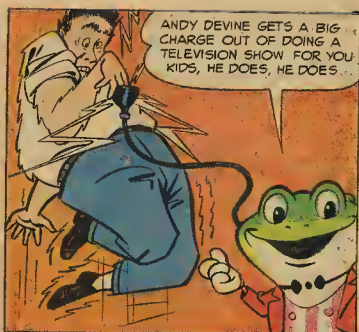
NOW, PROFESSOR... BLOW THE TRUMPET TO ANNOUNCE LORD AND LADY HIGHDIVA.

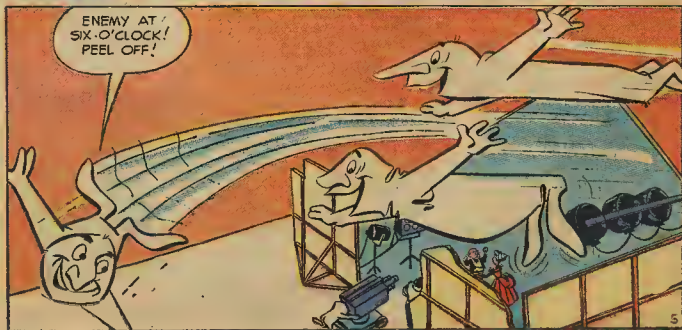
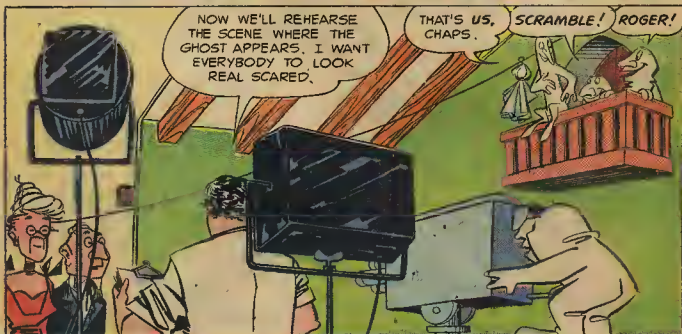
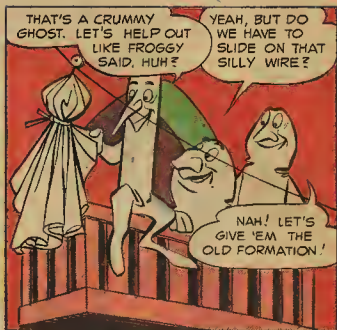
HEY, HE'S STEALING MY CREAM PUFF, HE IS, HE IS.



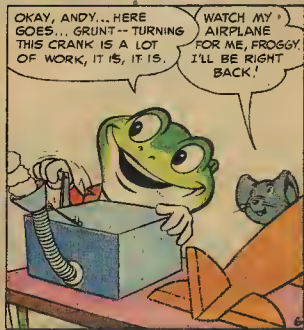
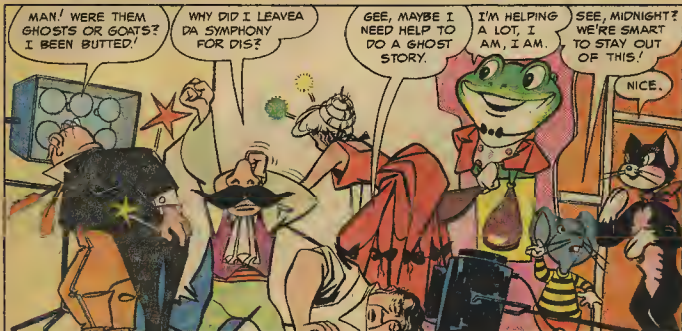
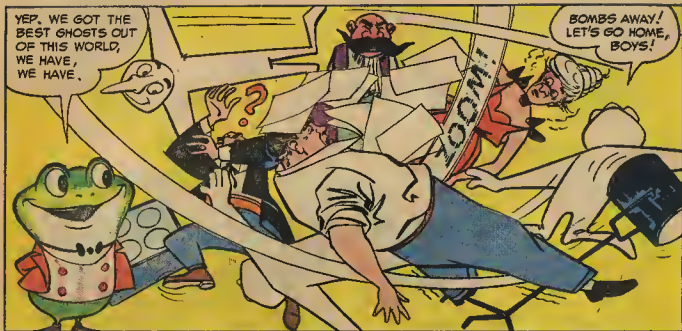


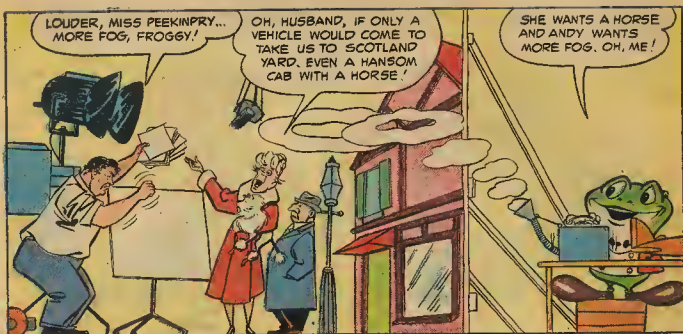


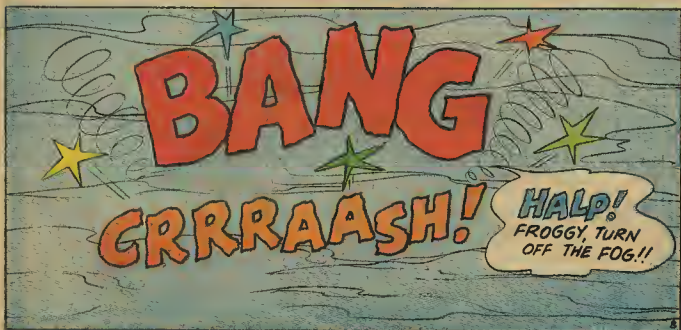
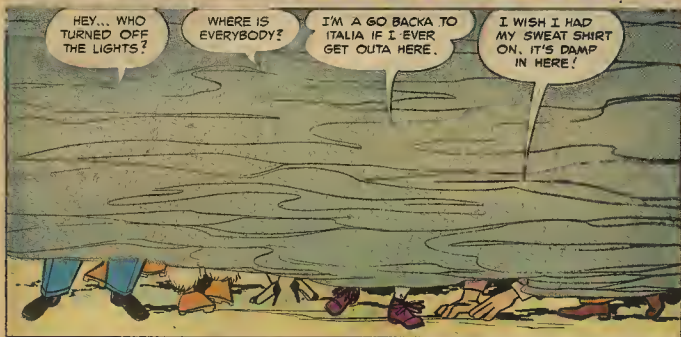
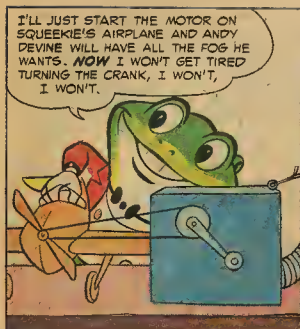




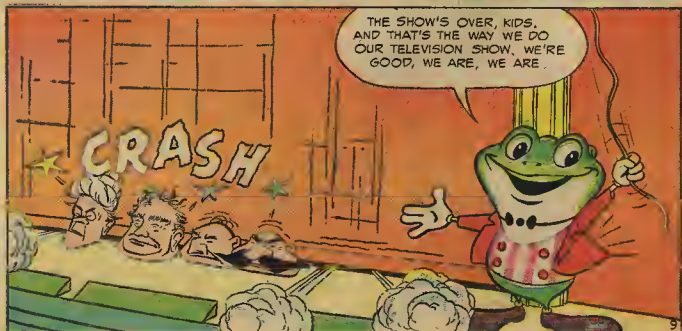
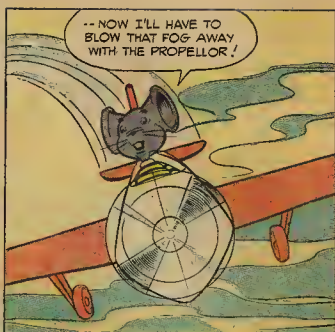
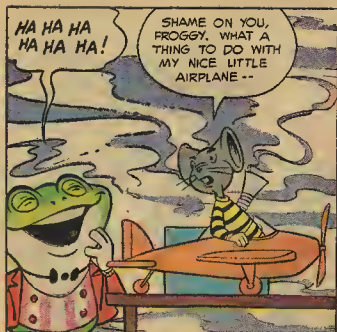








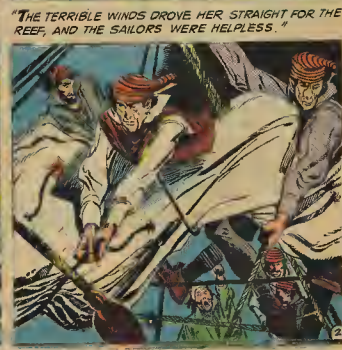
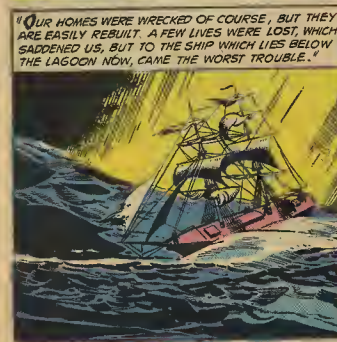
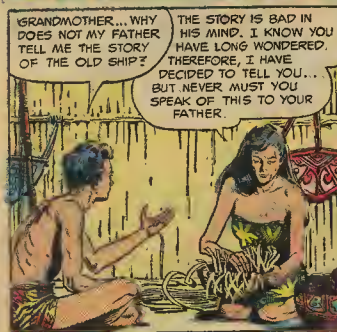




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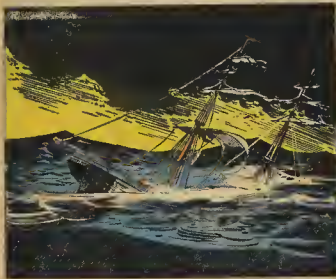


ON THE TINY POLYNESIAN ISLAND OF POWOA LIVED A BOY NAMED SUKI. OF COURSE, LIKE ALL SOUTH SEA ISLANDERS, HE COULD SWIM AND DIVE ALMOST AS WELL AS THE FISH HE CAUGHT UNDERWATER WITH HIS SPEAR. BUT SUKI WAS PUZZLED. HE WONDERED WHY HE WAS FORBIDDEN TO DIVE NEAR THE OLD WRECK OF A SHIP WHICH LAY FAR OUT AGAINST THE REEF WHERE IT HAD SMASHED MANY YEARS BEFORE HE WAS BORN. AND LIKE ALL BOYS, THE MYSTERY INTRIGUED HIM.

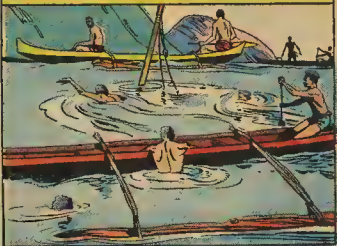




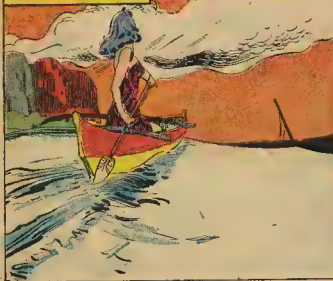
"NO ONE COULD HELP THEM, FOR WE COULDN'T LAUNCH CANOES IN THE TERRIBLE SEA. THE SHIP BROKE IN TWO WHEN IT HIT THE REEF AND HALF OF IT SANK IN OUR LAGOON."



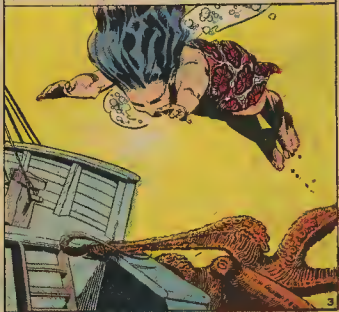
"WHEN THE STORM LEFT, THE YOUNG MEN WENT OUT TO THE WRECK. THERE WERE NO PEOPLE FROM THE SHIP WHO LIVED, SO THE YOUNG MEN SIMPLY BROUGHT UP THE MANY FINE THINGS WHICH THE SHIP HAD IN ITS HOLD. SOON THE SHIP WAS EMPTY AND WE THOUGHT NO MORE ABOUT IT."



"BUT ONE DAY WHEN I WAS ON THE LAGOON, I FELT CURIOUS ABOUT THE OLD SHIP AND DECIDED TO SEE FOR MYSELF."



"TO MY HORROR, I SPIED A GIGANTIC OCTOPUS..."





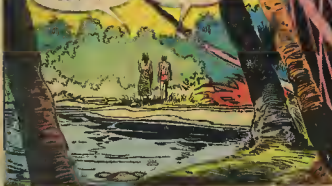
"FOR A TERRIBLE MOMENT I FELT ITS TENACLES TRYING TO GET A GRIP ON MY LEG, BUT BY A MIRACLE I MANAGED TO ESCAPE..."



OF COURSE, I WARNED OUR PEOPLE, AND AFTER SEVERAL OF THE YOUNG MEN DIVED TO THE WRECK AND A FEW OF THEM DID NOT RETURN, WE AVOIDED THE OLD PLACE AS A PLACE OF DEATH.

I HAD HOPED NOT TO TELL THIS PART OF THE STORY, BUT I MUST FOR YOU HAVE ASKED MANY TIMES WHY YOU DO NOT HAVE A MOTHER AS HAVE THE OTHER CHILDREN ON OUR ISLAND.

BUT WHY WILL NOT MY FATHER SPEAK OF IT? OTHER MEN GO INTO THE LAGOON AND DIE, AND FOR THIS REASON PERHAPS IT IS CALLED THE BLACK LAGOON... BUT WHY MUST MY FATHER NOT SPEAK OF IT?



YOUR MOTHER WAS MY DAUGHTER. SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL GIRL, AND YOUR FATHER LOVED HER VERY MUCH. ONE DAY SHE CAME TO ME WITH YOU IN HER ARMS. YOU WERE A TINY BABY THEN.

MOTHER... WATCH LITTLE SUKI FOR ME. ON SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY, I MUST SWIM IN THE LAGOON.

INDEED, DAUGHTER, I HAPPILY TAKE SUKI BUT MIND... YOU MUST NOT SWIM NEAR THE OLD SHIP.



"BUT YOUR MOTHER WAS A HEADSTRONG GIRL, FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE, PERHAPS IT WAS MY WORDS WHICH REMINDED HER, I DO NOT KNOW. BUT SHE WENT STRAIGHT TO THE OLD WRECK."

"THE WATER LOOKED COOL AND INVITING BUT A TERRIBLE DANGER LAY LURKING BELOW..."



"SUDDENLY SHE SENSED THE PRESENCE OF A TERRIBLE DANGER..."



"JUST AS HELP WAS ARRIVING... SHE SEEMED TO BE PULLED DOWN BENEATH THE SURFACE..."



"I SAW WHERE SHE DIED... AND QUICKLY I CALLED HER HUSBAND, YOUR FATHER..."



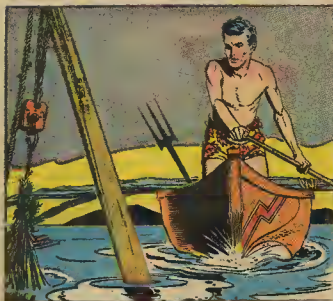
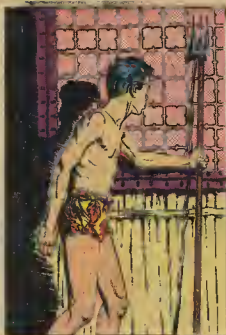
NOW YOU KNOW THE STORY, SUKI. THUS FAR NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO KILL THE GREAT DEVIL FISH... NO LONGER WILL ANYONE TRY TO KILL IT. ONLY NOW WE STAY AWAY FROM THE OLD SHIP.

THE OCTOPUS MUST BE KILLED, FOR IT KILLED MY MOTHER!

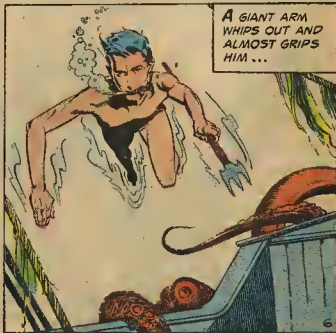
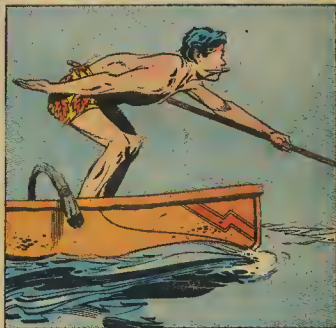
NOW THAT THE SECRET OF THE BLACK LAGOON HAD BEEN REVEALED TO SUKI, HE COULD NOT SLEEP. HIS THOUGHTS WERE FILLED WITH THE TERRIBLE CREATURE WHICH HAD KILLED HIS MOTHER. SUDDENLY HE RESOLVED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.



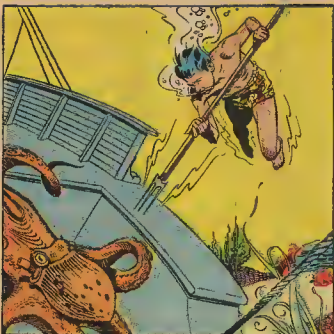




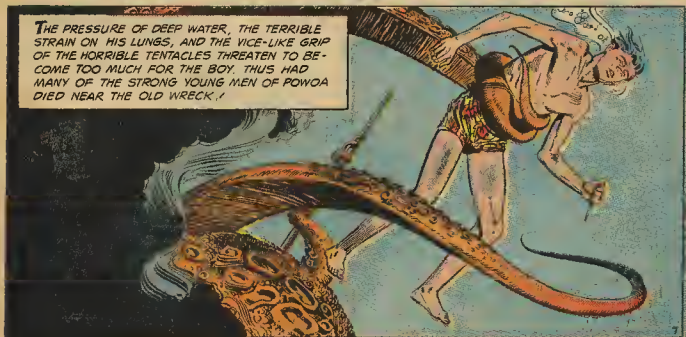
BELOW HIM HE SEES THE SHAPE OF THE GIANT OCTOPUS... BUT HE DOES NOT TURN BACK...



A GIANT ARM WHIPS OUT AND ALMOST GRIPS HIM ...

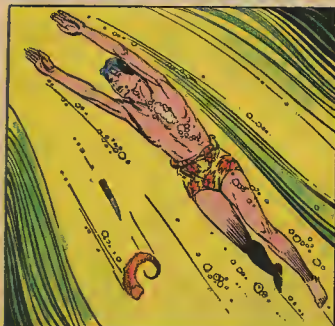


THE PRESSURE OF DEEP WATER, THE TERRIBLE STRAIN ON HIS LUNGS, AND THE VICE-LIKE GRIP OF THE HORRIBLE TENTACLES THREATEN TO BECOME TOO MUCH FOR THE BOY. THUS HAD MANY OF THE STRONG YOUNG MEN OF POWOA DIED NEAR THE OLD WRECK. /

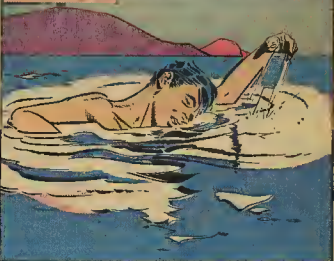




HIS ARMS STILL  
FREE... HE USED  
HIS KNIFE...



THE GREAT GOOD FORTUNE OF SUKI SEEMED ABOUT  
TO DESERT HIM. THE SWIM TO THE CANOE IS A  
LONG ONE... LONGER THAN HIS FAILING STRENGTH  
CAN MANAGE!

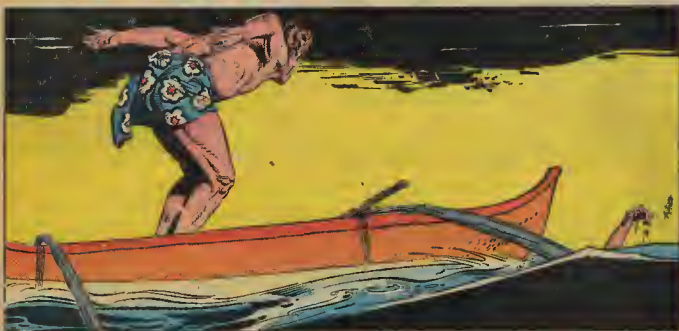
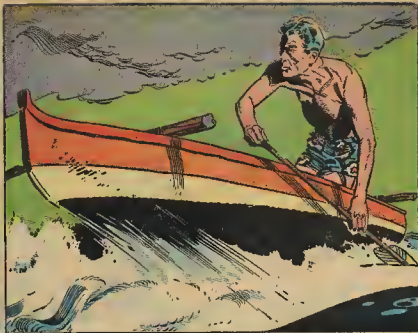


THE LITTLE FOOL  
HAS GONE TO  
THE WRECK!

QUICKLY! GO TO HIM... I  
WILL CALL THE OTHER  
MEN TO HELP!







FATHER... THE BIG  
OCTOPUS IS DEAD.  
AT LAST MY MOTHER'S  
DEATH IS AVENGED.

I THANK YOU, MY  
SON, FOR DOING WHAT  
I COULD NOT DO.



THE GREAT OCTOPUS WAS DEAD! BUT THE YOUNG MEN BROUGHT IT TO THE SURFACE. THE HUGE TENTACLES  
WOULD MAKE A BIG FEAST FOR THE WHOLE VILLAGE IN CELEBRATION OF THE GREAT EVENT!



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# BUSTER BROWN'S POINT Fitting Plan

## PROTECTS GROWING FEET



Measure both feet. Largest length and width fitted.



Big toe joint fitted to widest inside line of shoe.



Small toe fitted to widest outside line of shoe.



Fitted to allow about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from end of toe to end of shoe.



Heel fit check for proper width at top and bottom.



Regular 90-day size check service recommended.



**BUSTER BROWN**

# Schooldays Jamboree

Ask mom to take you  
to see all these and other  
new Buster Brown  
school shoes right away,  
at your BUSTER BROWN  
shoe man's. His  
name is on the  
front of this book.

